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USSR: New Tank Division Near Poland

The Soviet tank division at Grodno in the Belorussian Military District may be the one removed from East Germany as a part of the 20,000-man unilateral withdrawal announced earlier this year by President Brezhnev.

Although the decision to make this move was probably made before the crisis in Poland developed, the placement of what apparently is a high-strength tank division on the Polish border will improve the overall preparedness of the forces that the Soviets could use if they were to intervene militarily in Poland.

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